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OUTLINE FOR STUDY OF A COMMUNIST PARTY

I. Name and Definition of the Party

What is the general character of the Party (or parties) which represent the Communist Movement (ideology) in the area in question? Name?

- A. Status (legal, illegal, front, etc.)?
- B. Stalinist (orthodox)?
- C. Trotskyist, Titoist, etc. (deviationist)?
- D. Separate Communist Party for other national (minority) groups?
- E. In POWER or SEEKING POWER?

II. Short Outline of Party's History.

- A. Continuous history since 1919 (or before) until the advent of World War II (short).
- B. Formation during and after World War II.
- C. Growth curve.
- D. History of legality and/or illegality. (short).
- E. Position of the Party during the 1949-1951 period (policy, strength, leaders, etc.).

III. What are the Basic Principles of Party Organization?

- A. Democratic centralism.
  - 1. Decisions of higher echelon binding lower echelons.
  - 2. "Free" discussion and "self-criticism".
- B. Discipline.
- C. Unity of action and types of action (subversion, penetration, etc.).

IV. What is the Basic Structure and Functions of Party Organization?

- A. National headquarters (Congress, Convention, Central Committee, Secretariat, Party Control Commission, Committees, Commissions, etc.).
- B. Regional (Inter-regional headquarters?
- C. Local headquarters?
  - 1. Districts.
  - 2. Locals and groups.
- D. Does the formal organization follow orthodox organizational lines?
- E. Does the Secretariat contain any special units peculiar to the community (Colonial affairs, Indian affairs, P.O.W. affairs, etc.)?

V. What is the Geographical Distribution by Area and Trend?

- A. Industrial Areas (basic industries, etc.), urban.
- B. Farm and forest areas (rural).

VI. What are Current Party Characteristics?

- A Emphasis on Party mass activities.
  - 1. National activities - organization for mass work - Party factions in:
    - a. Labor.
    - b. Youth and women.
    - c. Intellectuals.
    - d. Professionals.
    - e. Nationality groups.
    - f. Other groups and movements.
  - 2. International.
    - a. Mass (Front) organizations: WFTU, WFDY, WIFD, WPC, etc. (general purpose organizations).
    - b. Mass organizations (specific purpose). Civil Liberties Congress, Negro Congress, International Workers Order, etc.

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B. Organizational emphasis.

1. Membership and cadre development (recruitment, selection, training and indoctrination).
2. Discipline (counteracting Party factionalism, punitive measures).
3. Finances (dues and assessments of members, collection of funds, party enterprises, etc).
4. Propaganda and agitation (organization for propaganda and agitation effort).
  - a. National elections (parliamentary effort).
  - b. Specific (negro, minorities, immigrants, etc.).
  - c. Other.

C. Internal Party trends.

1. Factionalism.
2. Clash of interests (CP labor policies vs. CP policies).
3. "Indecisionsim" (tailism).
4. Other local issues.

D. Current objectives(the current "authentic" Party line).

1. Major shifts in Party line adapted to local conditions for deception and lure of opposition purposes.
2. Policy re current domestic problems.
3. Current plans and operations.
4. Methods of obtaining Party aims (tactics, parliamentary, agitation and propaganda, persuasion, exploitation of current difficulties of the country, etc.).

E. Capabilities.

1. Strength (internal strength, personalities, training, loyalty).
2. Leadership (dual apparatus for clandestine work -- emergency and/or shadow).
3. Membership (origin, motivation, integration).
4. Organization (unity, efficiency, extent).

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F. Plans and operations.

G. Vulnerabilities (Propaganda and other setbacks, mistakes, etc.).

H. Consolidation attempts with non-Communist Parties, organizations, groups, United Front, etc.).

I. Subversive trends of current interest.

J. Preparations against repressive countermeasures of the government.

VII. Clandestine Activities.

A. Penetration of government and other civic bodies for policy influencing.

B. Intelligence and CE work.

C. Military (para-military) work (penetration of armed and security services).

D. Guerrilla and sabotage potential.

VIII. International Connections.

A. Cominform (degree of participation).

B. Other international bodies (UN, ILO, etc.).

C. Position within the World Communist Movement.

IX. Integration of National, Political and Economic Interests with Those of the USSR.

A. Assistance in advance of Soviet influence in Asia.

B. Assistance in undermining American assistance plans (ECA, Point Four, etc.).

C. Pledging readiness to support the USSR in case of war, and at the same time to carry on Soviet Peace offensives.

X. Summary of Preceding Chapters.

A. Merits of the Party and its past achievements.

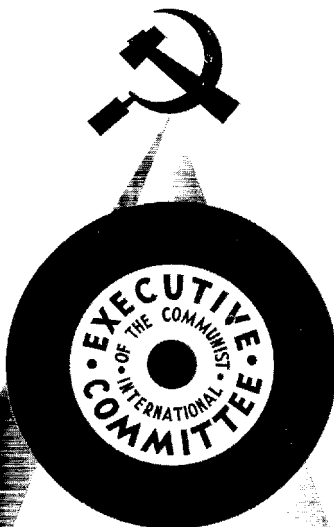
B. Current intentions and facilities.

C. Capabilities and limitations (aggressive or defensive).

D. Vulnerabilities (strategic and tactical).

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**COMMUNIST PARTY OF.....**  
*NAME OF COUNTRY*  
 [Section of the Communist  
 International]  
 [National Communist Party of...]



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**PRIMARY (BASIC)  
 PARTY  
 ORGANIZATIONS**

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COMMUNIST  
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COMMUNIST PARTY

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COMMUNIST PARTY  
[bolsheviks VKP(b)]



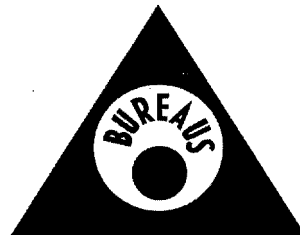
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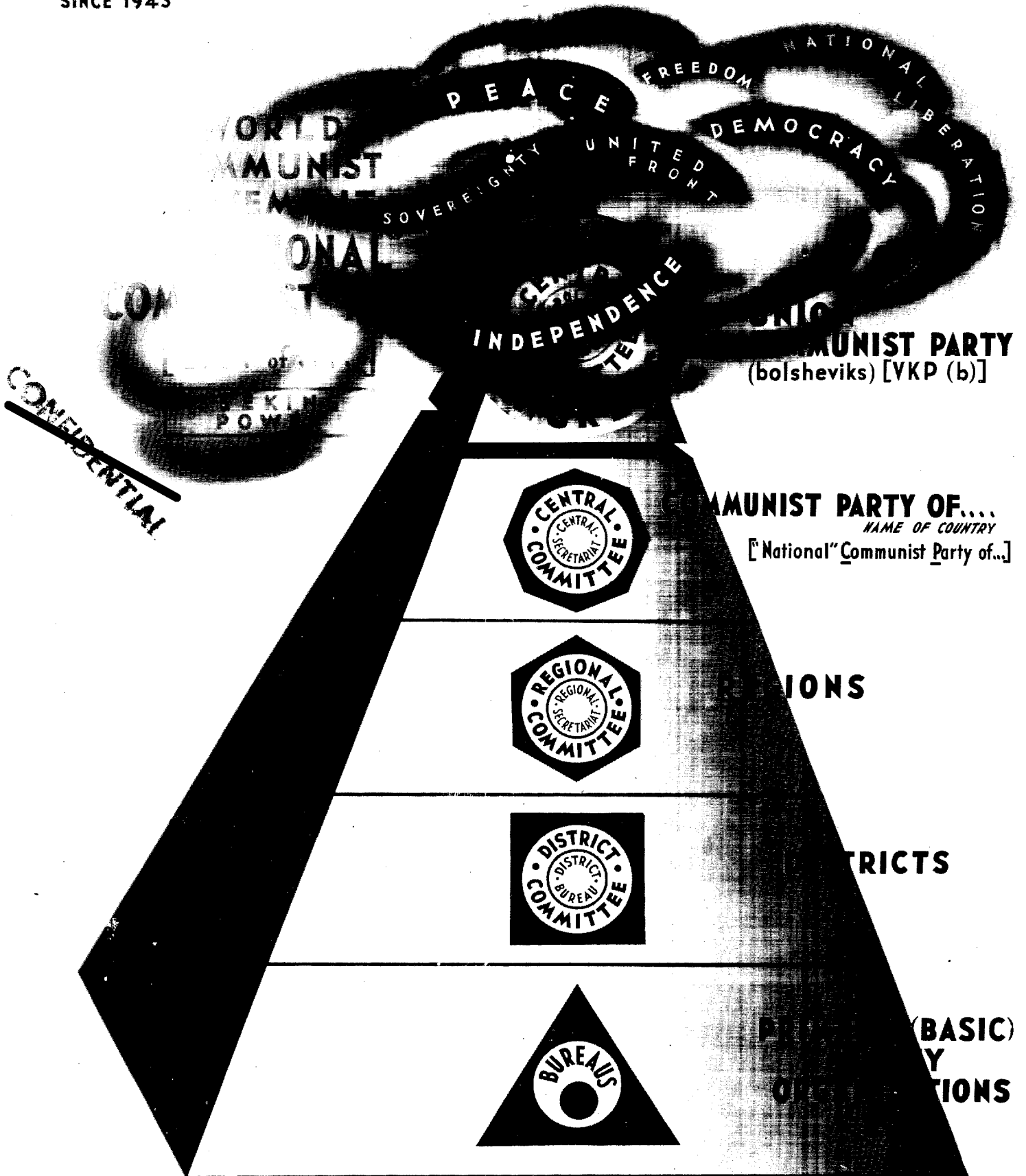


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PARTY OF . . . . .**  
*NAME OF COUNTRY*  
[National Party  
Headquarters]

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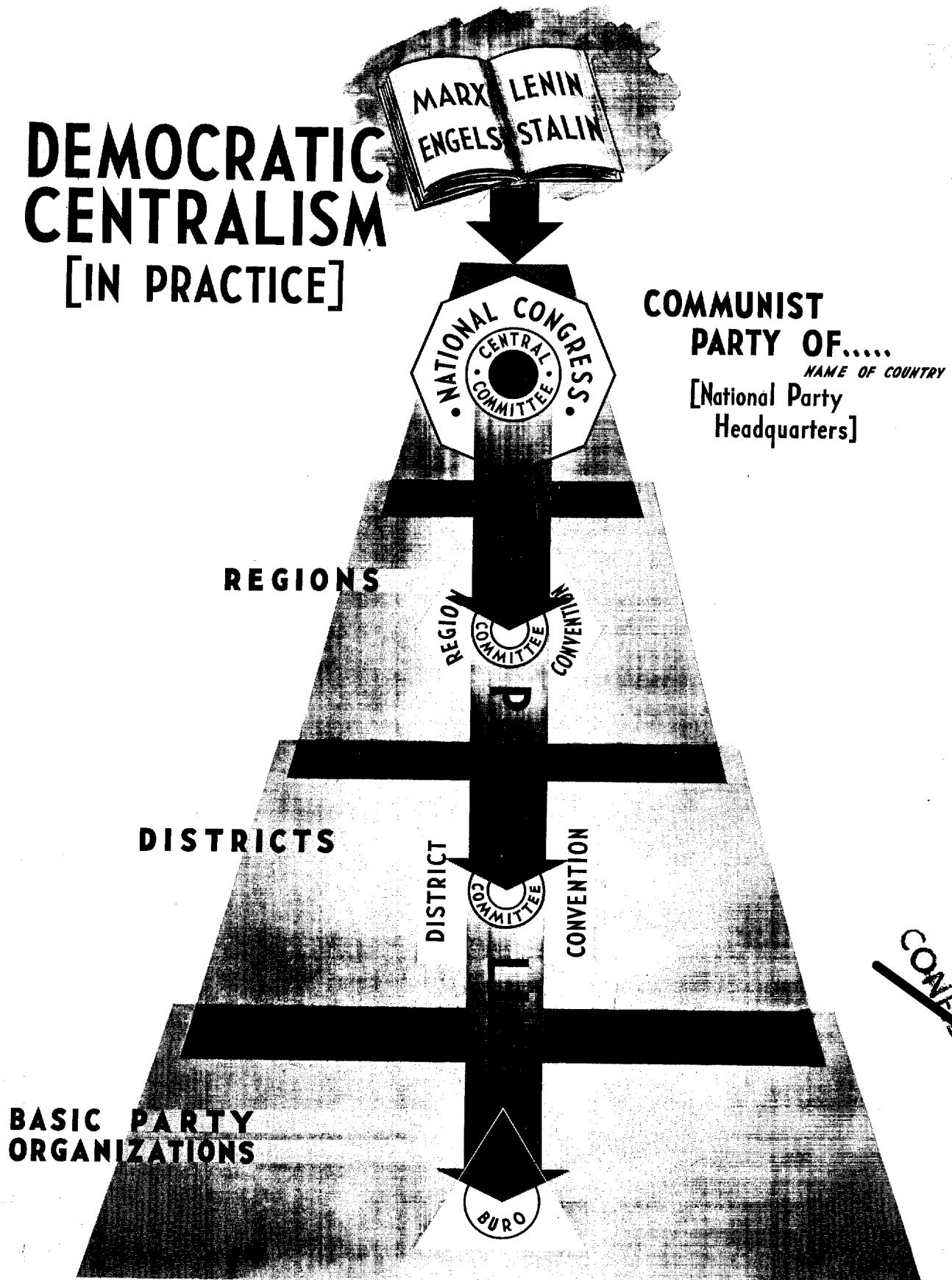


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